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PUBLIC PETITIONS—APPENDIX TO THE FIRST REPORT.

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Admiralty
(Disabled
Sailors and
Marines (for
Alteration of
Law).
Carlisle.

App. 1. *Mr. Chance.* Seal. Sig. 1.
2. The humble Petition of the Guardians of
the Poor of the Carlisle Union in the county
of Cumberland,
Sheweth,

That in the opinion of the Board of Guardians
of the Carlisle Union the Admiralty should be
empowered to take upon themselves the charge
for the maintenance of all disabled sailors and
marines whose disablement has arisen as the
result of service under His Majesty, and that
their maintenance should not be a charge on
the local rates, and they humbly petition your
Honourable House to provide by legislation
that the maintenance of such disabled sailors
and marines may be borne by imperial
taxation.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Given under the seal of the said Board
and the hand of their chairman by
order of the Board this nineteenth day
of January, one thousand nine hundred
and six.

GEO. W. WATERTON.
Chairman.

British
Museum
(King's Re-
commendation
signified) (for
Grant in Aid).
Trustees of the
British
Museum.

App. 2. *Mr. Rothschild.* Seal.
3. The humble Petition of the Trustees of
the British Museum,
Sheweth,

That the only funds belonging to your Peti-
tioners for the support of the British Museum
consist of thirty thousand pounds two and
one half per cent. Consolidated Annuities, the
annual dividends whereof amount for 1906-7
to seven hundred and fifty pounds; of a
bequest of the late Earl of Bridgewater, the
annual proceeds of which amount to about
three hundred and sixty pounds; of a bequest
of the late Lord Farnborough, the annual pro-
ceeds of which amount to about seventy-two
pounds; of a fund bequeathed by the late Mr.
Vincent Stuckey Lean, consisting at the present
time of fifty-two thousand six hundred and
thirty-two pounds six shillings and elevenpence
stock in local loans; and also of a fund be-

queathed by the late Mr. Charles Drury Edward
Fortnum, invested in Metropolitan Consoli-
dated three and a half per cents., amounting
at the present time to seven thousand three
hundred and seven pounds fifteen shillings
and sixpence stock.

That the establishment is necessarily attended
with an expense far beyond the annual produce
of the above-mentioned sums, and the Trust
cannot, with benefit to the public, be carried on
without the aid of Parliament.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray
your Honourable House to grant them such
further support towards enabling them to
carry on the execution of the Trust reposed in
them by Parliament, for the general benefit of
learning and useful knowledge, as to your House
shall seem meet.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

British
Museum
(King's Re-
commendation
signified) (for
Grant in Aid).

App. 3. *Mr. Harmood-Banner.* Seal. Sig. 1. Canadian
Cattle (Im-
portation)
(for Altera-
tion of Law).
Liverpool.

That your Petitioners are of opinion that
the restrictions on the importation of Canadian
cattle injuriously affect the meat supplies of
Great Britain, and are a serious injustice to
farmers and consumers, and that the removal
of the restrictions would be beneficial to the
trade of the port of Liverpool.

That your Petitioners are strongly in favour
of the action which is now being taken by the
Free Importation of Canadian Cattle Association
of Great Britain for obtaining an amendment
of the Diseases of Animals Act 1896.

That your Petitioners respectfully request
your Honourable House to take such steps for
the amendment of the said Act as will permit
of the landing of Canadian cattle into this
country without being required to be slaughtered
at the ports of disembarkation.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.
J. BALL,
Lord Mayor.

APPENDIX TO THE FIRST REPORT

Land Values
(Assessment
and Rating)
Bill (in
Favour.)
Reading.

App. 4. *Mr. Isaacs.* Seal. Sig. 2.
9. The humble Petition of the Mayor,
Aldermen, and Burgesses of the county
borough of Reading,

We, the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the county borough of Reading, acting by the council of the said borough, do hereby desire to express to your Honourable House the hope that you will in the forthcoming Session of Parliament again approve a Bill dealing with the provision of the separate assessment and rating of land values, in form similar to that already submitted to be discussed and approved by your Honourable House, and having regard to the importance of the subject matter that the Government of the day will adopt such Bill, or one similar in its terms, for the purpose of carrying the same into law, and this we ask for the following reasons:—

- (1) That a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for the Separate Assessment and Rating of Land Values," was introduced to Parliament in the Session of 1904, the second reading of which was carried by a majority of 67;
- (2) That a similar Bill was introduced to Parliament in the Session of 1905 the second reading of which was carried by a majority of 90;
- (3) That a Bill applicable to Scottish conditions was introduced to Parliament in the Session of 1905 the second reading of which was carried by a majority of 20;
- (4) That the proposals and principles embodied in such Bills have the support of nearly 500 of the principal corporations and rating authorities of the United Kingdom including the County Council of London and the great corporations of Dublin, Glasgow, Liverpool and Manchester;
- (5) That the adhesion given to the proposed legislation is not party in its character, the Land Values Bills receiving support from all sections of the community;
- (6) That the wide and increasing interest directed to the question that unoccupied land or land only partially occupied and let at a rental which by no means represents its real value should be rated for local purposes on the real value thereof justifies your Petitioners in urging that the Government of the day should deal with the subject and introduce to your Honourable House legislative proposals in that behalf more particularly having regard to the fact that the principle has been affirmed and re-affirmed by Parliament during the past two years.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that a Bill may be introduced to your Honourable House by the Government dealing with the separate assessment and rating of land values, and clauses therein inserted, and provisions affording such relief in the premises as to your Honourable House shall seem meet.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

EDWARD JACKSON,
Mayor.

W. S. CLUTTERBUCK,
Town Clerk.

App. 5. *Sir James Woodhouse.* Sig. 4.
35. The humble Petition of the Huddersfield Branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies,

Local Authori-
ties (Quali-
fication of
Women) Bill
(in Favour).
Huddersfield.

Sheweth,

That the limitation of choice imposed on constituencies by the exclusion of women from county and borough councils is an arbitrary restriction of the rights of electors, and entails a waste of power to the detriment of the whole community.

That the co-operation of women with men on county and borough councils would tend to better administration in matters of education, sanitation, the housing of the poor, the care of women lunatics, and of all who are in residential schools and institutions under the control of such councils, and in many other matters affecting the lives of women and children.

Wherefore, your Petitioners pray your Honourable House to pass the Local Authorities (Qualification of Women) Bill.

EMILY FRANCES SIDDON.
HELEN STUDDARD.
BENJAMIN BROADBENT.
&c. &c. &c.

App. 6. *Mr. Carlile.* Sigs. 200.
39. The humble Petition of Citizens of the city of Saint Albans, in the county of Hertford.

Post Office
Telephones
(Against the
Erection of
Telephone
Poles in Saint
Peter's Street,
Saint Albans).
Saint Albans.

That having heard with consternation that the post office authorities have decided to erect, and are erecting, telephone poles in Saint Peter's Street, Saint Albans, they greatly regret and deplore such decision, and your Petitioners pray that it may be reversed upon the following grounds:

- (1) The erection of telephone poles and wires will not only disfigure the finest street in the city, but one of the most beautiful thoroughfares in Hertfordshire. The whole county is thus interested in its preservation;
- (2) Many hundreds of persons are attracted to Saint Albans yearly by reason of its antiquities and artistic beauties, not the least of which is the street in question, for it is the site of the first battle of Saint Albans in 1455, and part of the site of the second battle of Saint Albans in 1461. The preservation of this historical site is thus of national importance, while the innovations would consequently mean the partial destruction of a valuable town asset;
- (3) Your Petitioners believe that alternative routes, not involving the foregoing objections, may be found.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

SAMUEL RYDER,
Mayor,
EDWARD CHERRY,
FREDERICK GEORGE MERKINS.
&c. &c. &c.